

CHAPTER 1052

PUBLIC RECORDS — FEES FOR EXAMINATION AND COPYING — VETERANS BENEFITS CLAIMS

H.F. 2236

AN ACT concerning fees charged for examining and copying public records relating to claims for veterans benefits.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 22.3, subsection 2](#), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

2. All expenses of the examination and copying shall be paid by the person desiring to examine or copy. The lawful custodian may charge a reasonable fee for the services of the lawful custodian or the custodian's authorized designee in supervising the examination and copying of the records. If copy equipment is available at the office of the lawful custodian of any public records, the lawful custodian shall provide any person a reasonable number of copies of any public record in the custody of the office upon the payment of a fee. The fee for the copying service as determined by the lawful custodian shall not exceed the actual cost of providing the service. Actual costs shall include only those expenses directly attributable to supervising the examination of and making and providing copies of public records. Actual costs shall not include charges for ordinary expenses or costs such as employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance, electricity, or insurance associated with the administration of the office of the lawful custodian. However, a county recorder shall not charge a fee for the examination and copying of public records necessary to complete and file claims for benefits with the Iowa department of veterans affairs or the United States department of veterans affairs.

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